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11. (SBU) Poloff delivered ref demarche to Michal Svoboda, Afghan desk officer for the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Svoboda said that the Czech government most likely would not be able to financially contribute to the Afghanistan Compact, however he did say that his government was interested in supporting US efforts in Afghanistan through other means. He said that GOCR may offer to run a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Afghanistan and will discuss this proposal in detail with US Embassy Prague in the near future. Svoboda said that the GOCR does plan on sending a representative to the January 31-February 1, 2006 Afghanistan Compact meeting in London, however they have not yet decided who to send.